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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOP APPROACH RE FUEL SUPPLY FOR PHILIPPINE

AIRLINES

REF: A) MANILA 845; B) MANILA 435 C) MANILA 802

1. IN VIEW FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO'S DIRECT APPRMBCH TO AMBASSADOR JANUARY 23 (REF A) AND URGENCY OF RESOLVING PAL'S FUEL PROBLEM AT GU*M - AS WELL AS HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO - WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS, REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY TO REF B REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUEL ALLOCATION TO PAL.

2. WE NOT CERTAIN OF REFERENCE IN ROMULO AIDE-MEMOIRE TO FEO REGULATIONS CONCERNING "RECIPROCITY THAT COULD BE OFFERED FOREIGN CARRIERS' TO ECNOURAGE RECIPROCAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY ALLOCATION OF AVIATION FUEL' IN THE COUNTRIES WHICH U.S. CARRIERS SERVE." AIDE-MEMOIR MAKES POINT (AS REPORTED REF B AND PREVIOUS) THAT "NONE OF THE U.S. CARRIERS HAVE ENCOKMTERED ANY IMPEDIMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR SERVICES TO MANILA" AND HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED

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TO OPERATE "WITH COMPLETE ASSURANCE OF FUEL

AVAILABILITY," WHILE PAL WAS "FORCED TO CANCEL
ALL ITS PACIFIC CHARTER FLIGHTS LAST DECEMBER ... DUE TO
UNAVAILABILITY OF FUEL FOR SUCH EXTRA FLIGHTS".

3. KEY PASSAGE IN AIDE-MEMOIRE IS PROPOSAL
IN PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH "TO PERMIT U.S. CARRIERS TO
CONTINUE UPLIFTING THEIR FUEL REQUIREMENTS IN THE
PHILIPPINES PROVIDED THAT RECIPROCAL TREATMENT IS*
GIVEN THE PHILIPPINE CARRIER IN THE U.S."

4. REGARDING CRITICAL FUEL SITUATION AT GUAM, WE HAVE
INDICATION FROM *OCAL MOBILE MANAG*R THAT M*BILE MIGHT
HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY TO INCREASE IMMEDIATELY FUEL
ALLOCATION TO PAL AT G*AM IF SOLUTION IS FOUND TO
PROBLEM OF EXPORTING PETROLE M PRODUCTS TO TRUST
TERRITORIES (SEPTTEL). MATTER BELIEVED TO BE UNDER
CURRENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN MOBILE AND PETROPHIL
COVERING BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES CONCERNING THEIR
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN
EXPLORE MATTER URGENTLY WITH MOBILE
HEADQUARTERS IN VIEW OF TIME PRESSURE.
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